

Outdoor Report

The week of April 13th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"

- The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14th – May 3rd, statewide.
- Season is closed for walleye, pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass on all MN/SD border waters through April 17th.
- Spring Turkey (Prairie, Black Hills & CSP) opened April 11th, 2015.
- Resident & Nonresident Special Buck application deadline is April 17th, 2015.

Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike and catfish. The walleye bite has been slow. The boat ramps are now in the lake.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike. The walleye bite has been slow.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14-16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge, Weismantel Grade and the state line bridge.

Elm River: Fishing has been slow. Not much water flow in the river at this time.



Hunting Report:

Light Geese: The snow geese have migrated into North Dakota.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye and Northern Pike.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are catching an occasional Walleye.

Antelope Lake: Fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye. Most of the Walleye are less than 14 inches, but a few larger fish are being caught.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike and an occasional Walleye.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye, with the occasional 20+ inch fish.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye and Northern Pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: A few anglers this week have caught northern pike on the north end of the lake.

Lake Kampeska: There is still quite a bit of activity around the Lunkers inlet. Anglers are catching some walleye and northern pike. The Water Treatment Plant and Jackson Park have also had anglers on it, but success has been minimal. Boat fishermen have reported a good bite on walleye.

Dry Lake: The walleye bite from the boat has been minimal so far. The shore fishermen are doing a little better on the east end in the evening in waders.

Goose Lake: The Grover Road has been busy with anglers, but success has been spotty. Some anglers are able to scratch out a limit, but most anglers are averaging about two walleye per day.

Long Lake: No angling reports.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: The new fishing pier is offering good opportunity to youngsters catching rainbow trout and panfish.

Stink: No angler traffic.

Blythe Slough: Anglers have reported a few walleye in the evening's wader fishing.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Fishing pressure was minimal from boats this past weekend due to the strong winds. Anglers who fished from shore saw decent success catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Waubay: A few boaters braved the winds and had success catching some nice walleye. Shore anglers are having the most success catching walleye and northern pike on the Grenville Grade.

Reetz: Anglers fishing from both boats and shore are starting to catch the occasional crappie.

Lynn: Little fishing activity.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are picking up a few bass and an occasional crappie.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: The northern pike bite has been really good from shore. Most anglers targeting the pike are fishing near the culvert on the southwest side of the lake. A few walleye are being caught, but it appears the best bite is after dark.

Lake Cochrane: No fishing activity.

Lake Oliver: No fishing activity.

Lake Ketchum: No fishing activity.

Clear Lake: A few northern pike are being caught.

Fish Lake: No fishing activity.

School: No fishing activity.

Round: There has been some shore fishing activity, but overall, the bite has been slow.

Bullhead: There has been some fishing pressure from shore, but overall, there has not been much of a bite.



Hunting Report:

Spring Light Goose: There are still a few pockets of juvenile geese in the area, but the main migration moved through already. Most of the birds that are still around are in the northern half of the county.

Spring Turkey: Hunters found pretty good success over the past weekend. Most of the hunting pressure has been in the northwest corner of the county.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: The snow geese have moved out of the area completely.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: There has been very little fishing activity. **The walleye, northern pike, and largemouth/smallmouth bass season opens on April 18th.**

Summit Lake: Very little activity. There have been a few anglers fishing the lake, but they are having very little success.

Hunters Quarry: No report of activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Turkey: Hunters fared pretty well over this past weekend. Continue to be safe and make sure you obtain permission before entering private land.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: The angler traffic from shore has been pretty slow lately. The anglers trying have reported a slow bite with the occasional carp, or northern. Boat anglers are having a little better luck reporting some keeper walleye during mid day. **Reminder: There is a 15" minimum length on walleye**

Fedt Slough: No angler reports.

Three Buck: No angler reports.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Fishing pressure has picked up, but success has still been slow. The walleye being caught have been in the 11 inch range with only a few keepers being reported.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Lake Mary/John: Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: There has been a decent walleye bite in the evenings.

Cattail: A few nice walleye have been caught along the grade north of Fort Sisseton.

White: A few walleye and crappies have been caught in the evenings.

Stink Lake: No activity.

Roy: The main lake rock piles have produced some nice bass and walleye.

Clear: Some nice bass have been caught along with a few walleye and northern pike.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Most snow geese have left the area.

Turkey: Turkey hunters found good success over the weekend. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Mina: Activity has been slow. A few northern pike have been caught.

Scatterwood: No activity.

Long: No activity.

Eureka: Fishing has been slow.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Snow geese have moved out of the area.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: The fishing season is closed until April 17th for walleye, pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. There have been reports of water being considerably low on Lake Traverse, so the already threatening submerged rocks will be more so, with less water covering them if they can't be seen.

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye off the grades. The bite is inconsistent for evenings. **Be sure to pick up a tribal license if you access the lake or fish from the tribal land.**



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: No snow geese left in the county.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: There is a decent afternoon bite. A lot of small fish are being caught, but anglers are able to take home a limit if they put their time in.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity.

Cottonwood Lake: The walleye bite has slowed down over the last week. Anglers are still catching some walleyes towards evening. Main sizes are 12 – 15+ inches.

Redfield Lake: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: The snow geese have moved out of the area completely.